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SUBJ:SOVIET PRESS ON THE BIRMINGHAM SPEECH: THE PORTUGAL-CSCE
LINK

1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS REPLAY OF THE SECRETARY'S
BIRMINGHAM SPEECH OMITTS (PRAVDA) OR EDITORIALIZES ON (RED
STAR) HIS COMMENTS ON INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGUESE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS. AT SAME TIME, PRESS COMMENTARY INDICATES CONTINUING
SOVIET USE OF THE CSCE LINK TO PORTUGAL FOR THEIR OWN
PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. END SUMMARY.

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1. PRAVDA ON AUGUST 17 REPORTED THE SECRETARY'S BIRMINGHAM SPEECH IN A SEVEN PARAGRAPH PARAPHRASE, THE ARTICLE, ATTRIBUTED TO TASS, MAKES NO MENTION OF THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON PORTUGAL. THE SOVIET ARMY NEWSPAPER RED STAR ON AUGUST 18, HOWEVER, PUBLISHING VIRTUALLY THE SAME PARAPHRASE, ADDS FINAL PARAGRAPH WHICH STATES THAT "H. KISSINGER ALSO TOUCHED ON THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN PORTUGAL. HAVING SET FORTH THE AMERICAN VERSION OF RECENT EVENTS, HE NEVERTHELESS ADMITTED THAT 'EVENTS IN PORTUGAL ARE THE RESULT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF PORTUGAL'S OWN HISTORY'".

2. OTHER POINTS IN SPEECH COVERED IN TASS PARAPHRASE INCLUDED THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON A LESSENING OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS BEING THE ONLY RESPONSIBLE POLICY FOR AN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT; HIS CALL FOR THE SUPERPOWERS TO BUILD A HABIT OF CONSTANT RESTRAINT AND MODERATION; HIS ALLOTING TO SALT TWO A "CENTRAL SPOT IN THE AGENDA"; HIS ADVOCACY OF A REDUCTION OF TROOPS IN CENTRAL EUROPE; AND HIS REMARKS ON "SEVERAL PROBLEMS IN THE MUTUAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES. IN THIS CONNECTION HE STATED THAT AMERICAN MILITARY AID 'ASSISTS IN THE MAINTENANCE OF A BALANCE OF FORCES ON THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL'".

3. RED STAR ON AUGUST 18 IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY (V. GONCHAROV, "POLITICAL OBSERVER") CREATES A FURTHER PORTUGAL-CSCE LINK FROM RECENT TRIP TO LISBON BY DANISH PREMIER JORGENSEN, COMMENTARY REVOLVES ON REPORT THAT PORTUGUESE WORKER ACCUSED JORGENSEN DURING VISIT OF VIOLATING CSCE PROHIBITION OF INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHEREUPON JORGENSEN REFERRED TO THE PART OF FINAL ACT WHICH UNDERLINES SIGNIFICANCE OF A FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AS JUSTIFICATION FOR HIS VISIT. COMMENTARY PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT WORKER'S CONTENTION, ALONG THE WAY FIRING BROADSIDES AT EC, THE UK, THE NEW YORK TIMES, AND THE CDU/CSU FOR VARIOUS SORTS OF INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS.
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